

LEOMINSTER PRIMARY SCHOOL

RECEPTION AUTUMN NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to welcome you and your child into our Reception classes. It was great to see so many of you at our virtual transition meetings. The children have made an excellent start to Reception and are keen to get involved with school life. They have settled well, are following routines and enjoying making new friends. The children have been enthusiastic and have enjoyed taking part in lots of activities. We are also amazed at how independent the children are being when walking into class. If you do need to speak to their teacher, please phone school or speak to them from behind the playground pencils.

Reception Team

Class Teachers: Mrs Bristow, Miss Preece, Mrs Gunnell, Mrs South and Mrs Bufton
Teaching Assistants: Mrs Nichols, Mrs Baker and Miss Arnold
SEN Support Assistants: Mrs Hill and Miss Jackson

Topic

We will be planning from the children's interests throughout the year. This term our topics are Ourselves, Autumn / Harvest and Diwali. The children will be exploring all areas of learning through this topic. At this stage of the year our priority is getting to know the children well so we can plan activities that they will enjoy learning about.



Each child will soon have an online individual profile on Tapestry. It is a fantastic way to view your child's school life and achievements. As a Parent / Carer, you are aware of your child's interests and strengths. We would like to include your contributions in their profiles and so we welcome any photographs, certificates, wow moments or comments. If you have signed up for this, you will soon receive an email to activate your account.

We are hoping to set up a Tapestry meeting over Teams soon. Please look out for an email giving you more information.

Session Times

School for Reception children starts at 8:30am and finishes 2.30pm (unless you are using a family time). We would like to remind you of the importance of attendance and punctuality and ask that you make every effort to bring your child to school every day and collect them on time. Please telephone the school in the morning if your child is going to be absent from school. Please Telephone **01568 616919**. You can also report absences through **Parent Mail**.

Please can we kindly remind you that if your child is showing any Covid-19 symptoms (new continuous cough, high temperature, or a loss or change sense of smell/taste) then they **must not** attend school. Please ensure you phone the school office to inform them.

Bedtime Books

Everyday children in Reception will be able to choose a story to share at bedtime with an adult. This is not a book for them to read to you, but a story for you to share together. You could look at the pictures and discuss what is happening on each page, talk about what you think is going to happen next or how the story might end. Children can change this book daily from the book box.

Reminders

PE days for children in Reception are as follows:

RJB – Monday

RPG – Tuesday

RSB – Wednesday

Please can your child wear their PE kit to school on these days. If your child wears earrings, please could we ask that you remove them on these days, if this is possible.



It is important to ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name. This includes coats and lunch bags.



We recommend that your child has a purple school book bag. Children should be bringing their book bag to school every day, which will hold their bedtime book (for you to share with your child at home), as well as any letters.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 1 st October	School Photographer
Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th October	Half Term
Monday 2 nd October	Return to school
Friday 18 th December	Break up for Christmas holidays

Many thanks,

The Reception Team